

THE MESSENGER



“... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!” Romans 10:15

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Editor's Note: For the next few weeks articles in the bulletin will involve studies in the early chapters of Genesis. These studies are in anticipation of the adult class during V.B.S. in July 2012.

I Peter 3:18-21

by Dempsey Collins

1. Noah was a preacher of right. (II Peter 2:5)
2. The Spirit of Christ was within the prophets (I Peter 1:11)
3. Christ through Noah preached to the lost in the ancient world (I Peter 3:19)
4. At the time Peter wrote this letter, these lost souls were imprisoned in the hadean realm (I Peter 3:19)
NOTE: Verse 19 does not say when the preaching was done and does not say while they were in prison.
5. Verse 20 tells us when the preaching was done: “When the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah”.
6. To be saved you had to be in the ark
 - water bore up the ark and saved Noah's family from the destruction
 - water separated and saved Noah's family from a wicked world

I Peter 3:21

*“The like figure where unto” (King James) - “corresponding to that” (N.A.S.)

Greek antitupos “against the type”
“against the pattern”

1. Water baptism enables us to escape the destruction of the lost.
2. Water baptism separates us from a life and world of sin (cp. Romans 6)

The Genealogical Table of Genesis 5

by Dempsey Collins

Adam	verse 5	930 years and he died
Seth	verse 8	912 years and he died
Enosh	verse 11	905 years and he died
Kenan	verse 14	910 years and he died
Mahalalel	verse 17	895 years and he died
Jared	verse 20	962 years and he died
Enoch	verse 24	365 years (“And he was not for God took him”)
Methusaleh	verse 27	969 years and he died
Lamech	verse 31	777 years and he died
Noah	9:29	950 years and he died

Genesis 5 – The Average Age (not counting Enoch) is 912

Adam	930 (5:5)
Enosh	905 (5:11)
Jared	962 (5:20)
Methusaleh	969 (5:27)
Etc.	

*Results of long life = Large families

Each father from Adam to Noah had “sons and daughters” (5:4, 7, 10, 13 . .)

Age of father given at birth of sons leading to the birth of Christ:

Adam was 130 – Seth . . . other children
Seth was 105 – Enosh . . . other children
Enosh was 90 – Kenan . . . other children
Kenan was 70 – Mahalalel . . . other children
Mahalalel was 65 – Jared . . . other children
Jared was 162 – Enoch . . . other children
Enoch was 65 – Methusaleh . . . other children
Methusaleh was 187 – Lamech . . . other children
Lamech was 182 – Noah . . . other children
Noah was 500 – Shem, Ham, Japheth . . . other children

“If you allow six children per family (conservative figure) and 90 years per generation, the youngest generation at the time of Noah would be 774 million.”

If just the parents were alive (no grand or great grandparents) the population would be 1,030,000,000. This was the population of the earth in 1830 A.D.

Wayne Wells

(Also consider the warm uniform climate, more usable land, rich earth, lack of famine, etc.)

NOTES & NEWS:

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

“...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” James 5:16